

## **RESOLUTION NO. 133**

**WHEREAS, Regional Education and Advocacy Coalition on HIV/AIDS known as R.E.A.C.H., St. Louis was founded in March, 1990. R.E.A.C.H., St. Louis is a private not-for-profit corporation chartered in the State of Missouri operating as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt entity. R.E.A.C.H., Inc. will host its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual African American AIDS Walk on Sunday, September 2, 2007; and**

**WHEREAS, R.E.A.C.H., Inc.'s governing board consists of ten members. The mission of the agency is to advocate, educate, and act as a resource for the St. Louis Metropolitan Area African American Community. Their particular emphasis is on support services and resource development for individuals who are HIV/AIDS/STI challenged including responding to the rapidly changing needs of African American women and children; and**

**WHEREAS, HIV/AIDS/STI prevention efforts that target the African American Community are an integral part of the agency's mission. R.E.A.C.H., Inc. also offers several programs as part of a comprehensive program delivery process. The Incarcerated Men and Women's Initiative Program locates new individuals who test positive for HIV in the incarcerated population, engages them in Case Management, and provides them with ongoing auxiliary and support services; and**

**WHEREAS, R.E.A.C.H., St. Louis' other programs include: Prevention Case Management: Individual Level Intervention program, targets individuals at high risk for becoming infected with HIV or an STI. The SISTA Project: Sisters Informing Sisters About the Topics on AIDS is a peer-led discussion group program to prevent HIV infection among African-American young women. Mental Health Services: Social support services offer support groups led by a licensed psychiatrist. Family Education: Social support program helps families access information. Community Education: offers culturally specific HIV/AIDS education and presentations. Legal Services: Assist clients with the help of a Pro Bono Lawyer who offers Powers of Attorney, Living Wills and other legal concerns.**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis, meeting in regular session, that we pause in our deliberations to recognize, commend and honor R.E.A.C.H., St. Louis, for the outstanding work it has done for the citizens of the City of St. Louis in AIDS awareness education, information and outreach, and we further direct the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of this proceeding and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.**

**Introduced on this 30<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2007 by:**

**Honorable Gregory J. Carter, Aldermen 27<sup>th</sup> Ward**

**Adopted this the 30<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2007 by:**